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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Michael Lewis I am attorney, actively practicing, in the state of NJ (Attorney ID – 146492015). I strongly support the courts to continue with virtual hearings for events such as Civil Arbitration, Motion Hearings, Small claims trials, Special civil trials, Case management conferences and Settlement Conferences.

Our profession is riddled with stories of overworked attorneys who neglect their personal lives or turn to substance abuse to deal with the pressure of being an attorney. We have all saved an enormous amount of time not having to commute to the court house, go through security, and wait for the hearing to begin. That time saved has allowed me to focus on other cases, thereby allowing me to end by day at a reasonable hour, so I can spend time with my family. I am able to go to my kids sporting events after work. I am able to help my kids with their homework. I am around more for baseball catches, arts and crafts, and cooking dinner. I no longer have the guilt of feeling like I was neglecting my family in favor of work.

There are many more benefits, but I feel the biggest one for me is better mental health. I hope the courts continue with virtual hearings. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,

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